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Richmond Tri-Cities Local Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes November 21, 2006

Hosted by: Open Arms Family Services, Inc.

Location: National Guard Armory, Petersburg, VA

Committee Members present: Sebastian Symeoides, Christian Bennett, and Tarah Comer

Committee Members absent: Lynn Robinson, Otis Lockhart

Affiliates present: Edgewood Group Family Services (Travis Crocker), Open Arms Family Services (Marchal Anderson, Cherodnicker Brown, Delores Reid, Joseph A. Kemp), Life Construction Mental Health Services (Eunice B. Gilchrist), Between The T's LLC (Toney Moshore), Wilkerson's Consultants (Thomas Chase), Halo Inc (Diane Wart), Faith Partners Care Group, Inc. (Amber Bailey, Paige O'Brien, Lisa Adkins, Venice Hawkins), Renewance Services (Frederick Rogers), Youth Pathways LLC (Hannibal Tuck), Mercy N Grace (Dupe Ogunbunm, Adelani Kolajo), Good Neighbor Homes, Inc. (Pascal Thebaud, Matthew Marek), Taylor's Enhanced Living, Inc. (Denise Taylor), Family Transitions, Inc. (Franko Britt), Lumzy's Residential Services, Inc. (Marchal Anderson), Westlake Residential Services (Jimmie Pratt, Jummy Bennett), Changing Fazes (Ebony Sauls), Faith and Family Advocate (Deidre Whittle), and Safe Haven Inc. (Grace Ilori, John Bamisile).

Affiliates absent: Substance Abuse Consulting Services, Hope Unity & Freedom, Transitional Adult Residential, Community Connections, Isaiah's House, and Family Impact.

I. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sebastian Symeonides at 6:30 pm

II. Introductions

Members and affiliates gave introductions, providing program name and name of representative(s)

III. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes from the September 19, 2006 meeting were circulated and read by Sebastian Symeonides. Two corrections were added to the minutes.

1. Insert Franco Britt (Family Transitions) as an affiliate present
2. Insert, "a motion was made and passed to accept the Human Rights Activities Reporting" under section VIII of the minutes

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes with the above corrections.

IV. Meeting Host Schedule

- A. A temporary meeting host schedule was developed until a finalized schedule can be made.
 - 1. Between the T's will host January meeting
 - 2. Good Neighbor Homes will host March meeting
 - 3. Life Construction will host May meeting
- B. Paige O'Brien and Lisa Adkins of Faith Partners Care Group circulated a list to update affiliates contact information and mailing addresses. It is a continuing concern that affiliates are not receiving notices of meetings and affiliates do not have an updated list. Mr. Bowser restated that affiliates are responsible for ensuring that their information is correct.

V. LHRC Policies and Procedures Review

- A. No policies and procedures were reviewed

VI. Next Meeting Schedule

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2006. Between the T's will host the next meeting. The meeting will be held at Saint Steven's Church on Halifax Street in Petersburg.

VII. Human Rights Activities Reporting

- A. The following affiliates reported their activities: Taylors Enhanced Living, Changing Fazes, Family Transitions, Lumzy's Together Adult Services, Renewance Services, Faith Partners, Halo Inc., Mercy-N-Grace Residential, Safe Haven Inc., Westlake Residential, Youth Pathways, Between the T's, Edgewood Group Family Services, Life Construction, Open Arms Family Services, Wilkerson's Consultants, Faith & Family Advocates, and Good Neighbor Homes.
- B. **A motion was made, and passed to accept the above listed Human Rights Activities Reportings.**

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm by Sebastian Symeonides.